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VIA E FILING
Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20423

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Plumas and Lassen Counties, California, is the verified
Notice of Exempt Abandonment of Almanor Railroad Company.

The \$3,700.00 filing fee was paid by credit card, information about which
previously was facsimile transmitted to the Board.

If you have any question concerning this filing or if I otherwise can be of
assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

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STB Docket No. AB-1052X

**ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
IN PLUMAS AND LASSEN COUNTIES, CA**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT
OF
ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY**

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ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY

Dated: January 20, 2010

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

STB Docket No. AB-1052X

**ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
IN PLUMAS AND LASSEN COUNTIES, CA**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT
OF
ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY**

Almanor Railroad Company ("AL"), a Class III railroad subject to this Board's jurisdiction, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903 and 49 C.F.R. 1152.50, states, as follows:

- 1. The railroad line which is proposed to be abandoned extends between Milepost 0.0 in Chester, Plumas County, and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, Lassen County, distance of 12.3 miles in northeastern California.**
- 2. The anticipated consummation date is March 11, 2010.**
- 3. AL by the attached Verification of Mr. Eric Schooler, AL's President and CEO, certifies that no local traffic has moved over the railroad line for at least two years' time, and any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines.**
- 4. AL, by the attached Verification of Mr. Eric Schooler, AL's President and CEO, further certifies that no formal complaint by a user of rail service on the railroad line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending before the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a user within the two year period.**

5. The exact name of the entity seeking the abandonment authority is Almanor Railroad Company.

6. AL is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, chapter 105, having acquired the line pursuant to the Decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Almanor Railroad Company Acquisition and Stock, 252 I.C.C. 802 (1942).

7. AL seeks the Board's authorization to abandon the subject line.

8. A map of the subject line is attached as Exhibit A.

9. The representative of AL to whom correspondence should be addressed is:

Fritz R. Kahn
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Tel.: (202) 263-4152

10. The United States Postal Zip Code traversed by the railroad line is 96020.

11. The right-of-way of the line proposed for abandonment may be useful for public purposes, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 C.F.R. 1152.28, or for interim trail use/rail banking, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29. Offers of financial assistance to acquire and operate the line proposed for abandonment may be filed pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 C.F.R. 1152.27.

12. No employee of AL is expected to be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment, but AL understands that the Board's decision will be subject to the employee protective conditions of Oregon Short Line R. Co.--Abandonment--Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

14. Attached as Exhibit B is the Environmental and Historic Report, and attached as Exhibit C are copies of the letters to the Federal and California agencies to which copies of the Environmental and Historic Report were mailed on December 29, 2009. A copy of the Environmental and Historic Report on that same date was mailed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis. In the meantime, a letter has been received from Mr. Rory D. Westberg, Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, dated December 31, 2009, and from Mr. Mark Delaplaine, Federal Consistency Staff, California Coastal Commission, dated January 5, 2010, and copies of the letters are attached as Exhibit D.

14. AL has given notice of the proposed abandonment as required by 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d) (1), and copies of the letters to the designated officials are attached as Exhibit E.

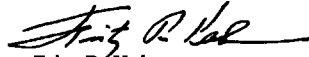
15. AL has complied with the notice requirement of 49 C.F.R. 1105.11 by having a notice published in the December 16, 2009, edition of the Chester Progressive, a newspaper of general circulation in Plumas County, California, and in the December 22, 2009, edition of the Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Lassen County California. Copies of the affidavits of publication are attached as Exhibit F.

WHEREFORE, Almanor Railroad Company asks that the notice of exempt
abandonment be accepted and allowed to become effective.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY.

By its attorney,



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Dated: January 20, 2010

EXHIBIT A

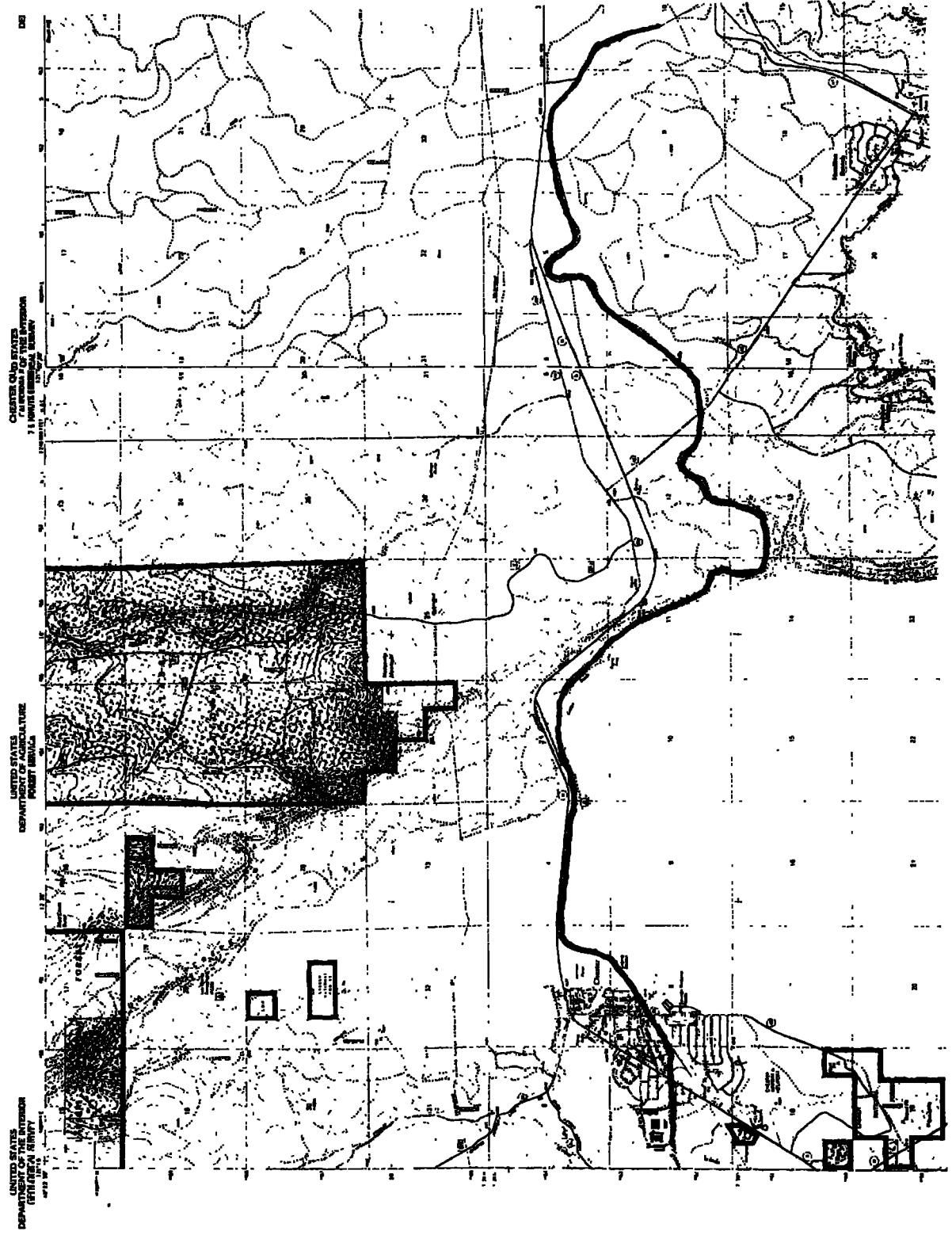


EXHIBIT B

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC

STB Docket No. AB-1052X

ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
IN PLUMAS AND LASSEN COUNTIES, CA

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

Almanor Railroad Company ("AL"), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1150.7, submits this Environmental and Historic Report in support of its Notice of Exemption.

1. Proposed action and alternatives. AL is a rail carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. The line which AL proposes to abandon extends between Milepost 0.0 in Chester, Plumas County, and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, Lassen County, a distance of 12.3 miles in northeastern California. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 96020. The line was acquired as a common carrier railroad by AL from its former owner, Red River Lumber Company, pursuant to the Decision in Almanor Railroad Company Acquisition and Stock, 252 I.C.C. 802 (1942). AL is owned by Collins Pine Company, the mill of which at Chester was the only shipper on the line. Collins Pine Company had used the AL to transport its products from the mill to Clear Creek Junction for interchange with the BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF"), but the Company has been trucking its lumber shipments to Clear Creek for transloading to the BNSF there. As confirmed by the attached Verified Statement of Mr. Eric Schooler, President and CEO of the railroad, no local traffic has moved over the line in more than two years' time, and

any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines. No formal complaint has been filed by a user of rail service on the line (or state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two year period. AL now seeks to abandon the line so as to be able to salvage and sell the track, ties and other track materials, the proceeds of which will aid in maintaining the remainder of its properties. The one structure which is 50 years old or older, a bridge located at the head of Lake Almanor, will not be removed or otherwise disturbed, so that the right-of-way of the line to be abandoned might serve a public purpose or be used for a recreational trail.

Based on information in AL's possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

2. Transportation systems. Collins Pine Company had utilized AL's line for rail shipments from its mill in Chester to Clear Creek Junction for interchange with the BNSF. The Company has been trucking its shipments to Clear Creek Junction and transloading them to the BNSF there. Chester is served by California Highway 36, which extends to Interstate Highway 5 on the west and Susanville on the east, making trucking a practical transportation alternative. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, copies of which were sent to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), AL's representative advised the California Office of Planning and Research of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, and a copy of the e-mailed response of Mr. Scott Morgan, Acting Director, State Clearinghouse, dated December 1,

2009, in which he said the proposed abandonment will not affect any programs administered by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research is attached as Exhibit 1.

3. Land use. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, copies of which were sent to the SEA, AL's representative advised the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, and attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the e-mailed response of Mr. Dan Z. Martynn, District Conservationist, dated December 14, 2009, stating that the proposed abandonment does not in any way affect programs administered by his office.

4. Energy. No increase in energy consumption will result from the proposed abandonment. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, copies of which were sent to SEA, AL's representative advised the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Environmental Protection Agency of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, but to date no response has been received from the former. Attached as Exhibit 3 are copies of the letters of Lisa Brown, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, dated December 8 and 14, 2009, stating that the Secretary does not respond to requests for environmental reviews.

5. Air. No emissions or pollutants will despoil the air as a result of the proposed abandonment. The threshold levels of 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(e)(5)(i)-(iii) will not be exceeded. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's representative advised the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency of the proposed abandonment of the

Chester-to-Clear Creek line, but to date no response has been received from the former. Attached as Exhibit 3 are copies of the letters from Lisa Brown, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, dated December 8 and 14, 2009, stating that the Secretary does not respond to requests for environmental reviews.

6. Noise. No increase in the level of noise will result from the proposed abandonment. The threshold levels of 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(e)(6)(i) & (ii) will not be exceeded. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's representative advised the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, but to date no response has been received from the former. Attached as Exhibit 3 are copies of the letters from Lisa Brown, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, dated December 8 and 14, 2009, stating that the Secretary does not respond to requests for environmental reviews.

7. Safety. There will be no additional highway traffic as a result of the proposed abandonment of the line and, hence, no greater risk to public safety. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's representative advised the California Office of Planning and Research of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, and a copy of the e-mailed response of Mr. Scott Morgan, Acting Director, State Clearinghouse, dated December 1, 2009, stating that the proposed abandonment will not affect any programs administered by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research is attached as Exhibit 1.

AL is unaware of any hazardous waste sites or sites on which there were hazardous spills on the right-of-way of the railroad line proposed for abandonment.

8. Biological resources. The proposed abandonment of the line will not affect endangered or threatened animal or plant species or areas designated as critical habitats, as far as AL is aware. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's representative notified the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the proposed abandonment of the line, but to date no response has been received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Attached as Exhibit 3 are copies of the letters from Lisa Brown, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, dated December 8 and 14, 2009, stating that the Secretary does not respond to requests for environmental reviews. A copy of the e-mailed response of Mr. Arnold Roessler, Chief of the Forest and Foothills Branch, Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is attached as Exhibit 4. The proposed abandonment will not harm any of the endangered species listed on his attached lists.

9. Water. The proposed abandonment of the line will not affect Federal, California or local water quality standards of which AL is aware. By letters dated November 4 and 24, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's representative notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the California Coastal Commission of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line. No response has been received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Attached as Exhibit 5 are copies the e-mailed reply, dated December 1, 2009, and the letter reply, dated December 15, 2009, of Mr. Mark

Delaplaine, Manager, Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division of the California Coastal Commission, stating that the abandonment would not affect the California coastal zone.

AL is unaware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains through which the railroad line proposed for abandonment passes.

10. Proposed mitigation. Since the proposed abandonment of the line will result in no adverse environmental impacts, AL perceives of no need for mitigating measures. Nevertheless, in accordance with the Board's regulations, by letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's advised the California Office of Planning and Research, the National Park Service and the National Geodetic Survey of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, but to date no response has been received from the National Park Service. A copy of the e-mailed response of Mr. Scott Morgan, Acting Director, State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, dated December 1, 2009, stating that the proposed abandonment will not affect any programs administered by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, is attached as Exhibit 1. A copy of the e-mailed response of Mr. Simon Monroe of the Information Branch of the National Geodetic Survey, identifying the geodetic survey marks which may be located in the area, is attached as Exhibit 6. As requested, AL will notify his office at least 90 days prior to beginning any salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station marks.

HISTORIC REPORT

1. Map. A U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey map showing the Chester-to-Clear Creek line proposed to be abandoned is attached as Exhibit 7.

2. Description. The railroad line proposed to be abandoned extends between Milepost 0.0 in Chester, Plumas County, and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, Lassen County, a distance of 12.3 miles in northeastern California.

3. Photographs. The only structure along the right-of-way of the railroad line proposed for abandonment which is 50 years old or older is a steel beams-on-concrete piers bridge at the head of Lake Almanor, a photograph of which is attached as Exhibit 8.

4. Dates. The bridge was constructed as part of the private railroad which was built by Red River Lumber Company, AL believes, some time in the 1930s.

5. History. The Chester-to-Clear Creek line was built by Red River Lumber Company, AL believes, some time in the 1930s, Incorporated in 1941, AL became a common carrier railroad when it was acquired by the Collins Pine Company, pursuant to the Decision in Almanor Railroad Company Acquisition and Stock, 252 I.C.C. 802 (1942).

6. Documents. AL has no plans, drawings or other documents in its possession confirming the dates of construction of the steel beams-on-concrete piers bridge and of any subsequent changes or improvements of the structure. None was made by AL.

7. Opinion. AL has no plans to demolish or dismantle the bridge, so that the right-of-way of the abandoned railroad line may serve a public purpose or be used as a recreational trail. AL does not believe that the bridge warrants listing in the Register of Historic Places. Similarly, AL is unaware of any archeological resources or any other

previously unknown historic properties in the area. By letters dated November 4 and 24 and December 9, 2009, with copies to SEA, AL's representative notified the California Office of Historic Preservation of the proposed abandonment of the Chester-to-Clear Creek line, but to date no response has been received from the agency..

Respectfully submitted,

ALMANOR RAILROAD COMPANY

By its attorney,



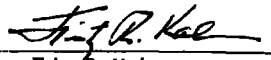
Fritz R. Kahn
Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.
1920 N Street, NW (8th fl.)
Washington, DC 20036
Tel.: (202) 263-4152

Dated: December 29, 2009

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I this day have served copies of the Environmental and Historic Report on the Federal and California agencies whose views were sought in its preparation by mailing by prepaid, first-class mail copies to the persons or agencies whose the names and addresses are listed on the following pages.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 29th day of December 2009.


Fritz R. Kahn

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
San Francisco District
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San Francisco, CA 94103-1398

National Park Service
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U.S. Environmental Protection Service
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Mr. Scott Morgan, Acting Director, State Clearinghouse
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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Subject **FW: STB Docket No. AB-1052X**
From: **Scott Morgan <Scott.Morgan@OPR.CA.GOV>**
Sent: **Dec 1, 2009 03:28:07 PM**
To: **xiccgc@verizon.net**

Attention Fritz R Kahn

The proposed abandonment of the Almanor Railroad Company's line between Milepost 0 0 in Chester and Milepost 12 3 near Clear Creek will not affect any programs administered by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Acting Director, State Clearinghouse
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
ph (916)445-0613 fax (916)323-3018



[Print]

Subject **Railroad abandonment letter**
From: **Martynn, Daniel - Quincy, CA <Dan.Martynn@ca.usda.gov>**
Sent: **Dec 14, 2009 06:46:22 PM**
To: **xiccgc@verizon.net**

Hello Mr. Fritz Kahn

I received your letter regarding Almanor Railroad Co's plan to abandon it's line in Plumas Co. CA. You are correct in assuming that since I did not reply the abandonment does not in any way affect programs administered by NRCS in Plumas Co

I do however work with private landowner groups who would have an interest in developing a bike or trail network along this line should that opportunity present itself sometime in the future. The line also crosses a meadow which local watershed organizations would like to protect and they would be willing to work with the railroad to enhance if there is interest on the railroads part.

Please contact me if there are any opportunities to work with your client in any of these areas.

Dan Z. Martynn
District Conservationist
Plumas / Sierra Co.
USDA-NRCS
530-283-7511 office
530-218-0825 cell



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

EXHIBIT 3



LINDA S. ADAMS
SECRETARY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
GOVERNOR

December 8, 2009

Mr. Fritz R. Kahn
1920 N Street, NW (8th Floor)
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Almanor Railroad Company

Dear Mr. Kahn:

This letter is in response to your November 24, 2009 correspondence. You wrote about the proposed abandonment of the Almanor Railroad Company's line between milepost 0.0 in Chester and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, a distance of 12.3 miles in Plumas County, California.

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has no jurisdiction in this matter. CalEPA is not authorized to enforce the California Environmental Quality Act's (CEQA) requirements nor can it compel another public agency to perform CEQA differently. For this reason, inquiries and complaints regarding compliance CEQA for a proposed project, and/or failure to prepare an Environmental Impact Report be made directly to the public agency responsible for the project. Information on CEQA and its requirements is available at <http://www.ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/>.

Sincerely,


Lisa Brown
Assistant General Counsel



LINDA S. ADAMS
SECRETARY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
GOVERNOR

December 14, 2009

Mr. Fritz R. Kahn
1920 N Street, NW (8th Floor)
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Almanor Railroad Company

Dear Mr. Kahn:

This letter is in response to your November 24, December 2 and December 7 2009 correspondence. You wrote about the proposed abandonment of the Almanor Railroad Company's line in Plumas County, California.

Please be advised that the Office of the Secretary does not perform inspection, environmental review or cleanup activities. These activities are undertaken by the six Offices, Boards and Departments within the agency. The Office of the Secretary deals primarily with policy, budget, legislative and inter governmental relations issues. The Office of the Secretary does not respond to request for environmental review on behalf of the Offices, Boards and Departments within the agency

Sincerely,

Lisa Brown
Assistant General Counsel



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Subject: **Almanor Railroad Company Rail-Line Removal Project Plumas/Lassen County CA**
Docket No. AB-1052X
From: <Arnold_Roessler@fws.gov>
Sent: Dec 8, 2009 04:18:03 PM
To: xicgc@verizon.net

Dear Mr. Kahn

We received your November 4, 2009, letter on November 30, 2009 regarding the proposed Almanor Railroad Company Rail-Line Removal Project Plumas/Lassen County CA Docket No. AB-1052X. Attached is an endangered species list for the proposed project area. Please be sure the report addresses potential effects to the species on the attached list. Please call me if you have any questions.

Arnold Roessler
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(See attached file: Species List auto_letter 20091208.pdf)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office
Federal Endangered and Threatened Species that Occur in
or may be Affected by Projects in the
CHESTER (624C)
U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 Minute Quad
 Database last updated: December 1, 2009
 Report Date: December 8, 2009

Listed Species

Fish

Hypomesus transpacificus
 delta smelt (T)

Oncorhynchus tshawytscha
 Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon (T) (NMFS)
 winter-run chinook salmon, Sacramento River (E) (NMFS)

Amphibians

Rana aurora draytonii
 California red-legged frog (T)

Candidate Species

Mammals

Martes pennanti
 fisher (C)

Key:

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- (P) *Proposed* - Officially proposed in the Federal Register for listing as endangered or threatened
- (NMFS) Species under the Jurisdiction of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service
 Consult with them directly about these species
- Critical Habitat* - Area essential to the conservation of a species
- (PX) *Proposed Critical Habitat* - The species is already listed. Critical habitat is being proposed for it
- (C) *Candidate* - Candidate to become a proposed species
- (V) Vacated by a court order. Not currently in effect. Being reviewed by the Service
- (X) *Critical Habitat* designated for this species

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office
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Subject **STB Docket No. AB-1052X**
From: **Mark Delaplaine <mdelaplaine@coastal.ca.gov>**
Sent: **Dec 1, 2009 01:06:12 PM**
To: **xiccgc@verizon.net**

Dear Mr. Kahn

We have received your letter dated Nov. 24, 2009, and the Coastal Commission has no concerns over the proposed railroad abandonment,

12.3 mi. of the Almanor RR Co. line, in Plumas County, California. This activity would not affect the Coastal zone

Sincerely,

Mark Delaplaine

Manager, Energy, Ocean Resources, and

Federal Consistency Division

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December 15, 2009

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Re: Almanor Railroad Company, Proposed Railroad Abandonment

Dear Mr. Kahn

The Coastal Commission staff continues to have no concerns over above-referenced proposed railroad abandonment, as further described in the attached letter. This abandonment will not affect the California coastal zone.

Also, for future reference, our zip code is 94105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Delaplaine", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Delaplaine
Federal Consistency Staff

Attachment

cc: Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
Victoria Rutson, Chief
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Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for
 Chester, Plumas County, CALIFORNIA.

Approximately 02 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.
 If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall
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December 29, 2009

Mr. Jack Ingstad
Plumas County Administrative Officer
520 Main Street (Room 309)
Quincy, CA 95971

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
--Abandonment Exemption--in Plumas and Lassen Counties, CA


Dear Mr. Ingstad:

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Mr. John T. Ketelsen
Lassen County Administrative Officer
221 S. Roop Street (Ste. 4)
Susanville, CA 96130

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
--Abandonment Exemption--in Plumas and Lassen Counties, CA

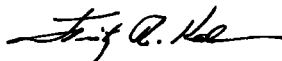
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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
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San Francisco District
1455 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103-1398

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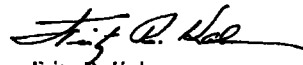
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1111 Jackson Street (Ste. 700)
Oakland, CA 94607

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Mr. Scott Morgan, Acting Director, State Clearinghouse
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
P. O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
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Mr. Dan Z. Martynn, District Conservationist
USDA Natural Conservation Service
P. O. Box 3562
Quincy, CA 95971

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
--Abandonment Exemption--in Plumas and Lassen Counties, CA

Dear Mr. Martynn:

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Lisa Brown, Esq., Assistant General Counsel
California Environmental Protection Agency
P. O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
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December 29, 2009

Mr. Arnold Roessler, Branch Chief
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Endangered Species Prg.
2800 Cottage Way (Room W-22605)
Sacramento, CA 95825

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
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December 29, 2009

Mr. Mark Delaplaine
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street (Ste. 2000)
San Francisco, CA 94105

re. STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
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Mr. Simon Monroe
National Geodetic Survey - Inf Br N/NGS12
1315 East West Highway Station 9202
Silver Spring, MD 20910

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
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Mr. Mark A. Beason
California Office of Historic Preservation
1416 9th Street (Rom 1442)
Sacramento, CA 95814

re: STB Docket No. AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company
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CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105-2219
VOICE AND TDD (415) 904-6200



January 5, 2010

Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.
Eighth Floor
1920 N St., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20036-1601

Re: STB Docket AB-1052X, Almanor Railroad Company, Proposed Railroad Abandonment,
Plumas/Lassen Counties, CA

Dear Mr. Kahn:

The Coastal Commission staff has received your letter dated December 29, 2009,
notifying us of the above-referenced proposed railroad abandonment. Our agency has no
concerns over this abandonment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Delaplaine", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Delaplaine
Federal Consistency Staff

cc: Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
Victoria Rutson, Chief
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Pacific West Region
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
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Mr. Fritz R. Kahn, P.C.
1920 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Kahn:

Thank you for consulting with the National Park Service regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately 12.3 miles of Almanor Railroad Company's line between milepost 0.0 in Chester and milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, in Plumas County, California.

According to our records, the proposed abandonment would not affect any National Park Service units or any programs administered by this office.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rory D. Westberg".

Rory D. Westberg
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region

Handwritten initials, possibly "R.D.", in a stylized cursive script.

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January 6, 2010

Hon. Michael R. Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Peevey:

Please be advised that on or about January 20, 2010, Almanor Railroad Company will file with the Surface Transportation Board its Notice of Exempt Abandonment to secure the agency's authorization to abandon its line of railroad extending between Milepost 0.0 in Chester, Plumas County, and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, Lassen County, a distance of 12.3 miles in northeastern California. The Notice will bear STB Docket No. AB-1052X.

The line traverses U.S. Postal Zip Code 96020.

Based on information in the possession of Almanor Railroad Company, the railroad line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing, please get back to me.

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January 6, 2010

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Attn.: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
709 Ward Drive Bldg. 1990
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5357

Dear sir/Madam:

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If you have any question concerning the foregoing, please get back to me.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

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WASHINGTON, DC 20036
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January 6, 2010

Mr. D. Thomas Ross, Assistant Director
Recreation and Conservation
National Park Service, Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Mr. Ross:

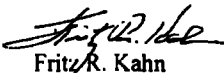
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January 6, 2010

Ms. Abigail R. Kimbell
Chief, U.S.D.A. Forest Service
201 14th Street, SW (4th fl.)
Washington, DC 20520

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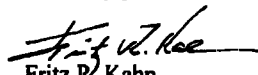

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Dated: Dec. 22, 2009 Keri B. Taborski
Keri B. Taborski

Official Notice
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC

Almanor Railroad Company gives notice that on or about January 20, 2010, it anticipates filing its Notice of Exempt Abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, under 49 C.F.R. 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of a 12.3-mile of line of railroad between Milepost 0.0 at Chester, Plumas County, and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek, Lassen County, California, which traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Code 96020. The proceeding is docketed as No AB-1052X.

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Date: Dec. 16, 2009

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VERIFICATION

I, Eric Schooler, President and CEO of Almanor Railroad Company.. declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. No local traffic has moved over the subject line for at least two years' time, and any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines. Moreover, no formal complaint by a user of rail service on the subject line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the subject line is pending before the Board or any U S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a user within the two year period. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification on behalf of Almanor Railroad Company. I know that willful misstatements or omission of material fact constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable as perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

Dated at Portland, OR, CA, this 10th day of December, 2009.

Eric Schooler
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